The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has ended homelessness for tens of thousands of people over the past 25 years. What began as a grassroots organization has grown into a comprehensive solution to homelessness that helps more than 16,000 people each year. Ending homelessness takes leadership to ensure national and state policies address the needs of our homeless families and individuals. It takes expertise in complex real estate transactions to purchase land and develop affordable housing. It takes productive private and public partnerships to replicate our work statewide. It takes a highly refined continuum of integrated programs and services to improve the health and well-being of homeless families and individuals. It takes experience to demonstrate that housing one chronically homeless individual saves taxpayers $31,545 per year in emergency service expenses, and that developing quality housing revitalizes neighborhoods and stimulates local economies. But most importantly, it takes the compassion of a dedicated staff who work tirelessly for each man, woman or child with no place to sleep tonight.

During the past 25 years, we’ve met our challenges with creativity and an unwavering commitment to ending homelessness. This year we faced a daunting 20 percent increase in the need for our services in conjunction with devastating funding cuts. Yet, with the help of our partners and supporters, we continued to develop effective programs and increase organizational efficiencies in order to advance our mission. In 2009:

- We implemented a statewide Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program to prevent homelessness and to quickly move those on the streets or in shelters into housing.
- We began construction of the Renaissance Uptown Lofts, our 16th affordable housing development community. By early 2011, 98 new, environmentally friendly apartments will become homes for homeless and low-income residents.
- We expanded our health care services for chronically homeless individuals by opening a new clinic at Denver’s St. Francis Center and by providing enhanced, street-based medical and mental health treatment services delivered through our Street Outreach team.

We envision a time when homelessness doesn’t exist. As we reflect on the progress we’ve made during the past 25 years, we renew our strong commitment to create lasting solutions to homelessness in Colorado, as long as we are needed. We’re grateful for your help.
Job loss is cited as a leading cause of homelessness. Unemployment rates soared in 2009 and homeless individuals without fixed addresses or stable living conditions faced additional challenges securing and maintaining jobs.

Renaissance Works is an innovative program to help our clients get back to work quickly. We are employing homeless individuals to help build the apartments they will later call home. Clients gain both an affordable home and transferable career skills to help ensure future employment. The Coalition’s Employment and Vocational Services helped 355 individuals with their job searches in 2009.

Merchants Office Furniture
“We are a family business and our employees are part of that family,” says Jynx Sanders of Merchants Office Furniture and Vice President of the Ballpark Neighborhood Association. “Our experience hiring individuals who are homeless has been positive – and it means one more person can move off the street.”

Snooze
Jon Schlegel says that hiring homeless individuals from the neighborhood is, “Good for the soul of the business and good for the community.” Two Snooze employees are formerly homeless and their work at Snooze is helping stabilize their lives.

Learn about Renaissance Works employee, Don, and Snooze employee, Rob, by visiting the Annual Report page at www.coloradocoalition.org
Outreach workers engaged with 4,458 homeless individuals in 2009. The Outreach team meets people where they are, both physically and psychologically, by linking them to health care, mental health, and substance treatment services on the streets. This team is not deterred by weather, the time of day, or personal client challenges. Our staff says, “We are here, we will walk with you on your path to recovery, every step of the way.” We build a relationship with the individual, discover their barriers to housing and connect them to supportive services and safe, affordable homes. The Denver Street Outreach Collaborative moved 326 people from the streets into housing in 2009.
Homelessness influences all aspects of a child’s development – the stress of transition can impact academic performance and social competence. The Coalition’s Renaissance Children’s Center (RCC) provides a safe, stable environment for children to develop the skills necessary to succeed in school and with their peers.

At the Children’s Center, teaching life skills is the number one priority. Highly trained staff members show children how to work well with others. They are given the tools for academic achievement and creative problem solving. Children of all income levels learn and play together, encouraging empathy and understanding amongst classmates from diverse economic backgrounds. Skills learned at RCC prevent future generations of homelessness while promoting long-term success.

RCC has earned the prestigious 4-star Qualistar rating and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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Since homelessness is not just an urban problem, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless stretches its resources to maximize the impact of our programs across the state.

The Coalition provides leadership to the Colorado Community and Interagency Council on Homelessness, convened by Governor Bill Ritter in 2007.

The Coalition also directs Colorado’s Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program in collaboration with 40 partner organizations. This coordinated, community-based strategy minimizes the costly duplication of services and leverages other local, community resources to help families and individuals maintain housing stability.

In addition, our Rural Initiatives program provides funding and technical assistance to 14 partner agencies ending homelessness in Colorado’s small towns, farming communities and mountain resorts.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is recognized as a national leader in the integration of housing, healthcare and support services to end homelessness.

In August, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, joined by Colorado Representatives Diana DeGette and Jared Polis, convened a press conference at our Stout Street Clinic to highlight the need for healthcare programs for the homeless. Speaker Pelosi said, “This facility is a perfect model for the nation on how to get the job done. It’s of national significance…”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently named Denver a model city for our efficient approach to finding lasting solutions for those experiencing homelessness.
Matt Hire met Debbie as she became homeless, fleeing from domestic abuse. Debbie is deaf and therefore faced unique obstacles in getting help. She came to the Coalition seeking safety but struggled to communicate the complexity of her situation. Matt Hire took the time to understand her needs; he strived to become familiar with her disability and learned sign language. Keenly aware of the factors that contributed to her homelessness, Matt was determined to keep Debbie safe until he could get stable housing for her. Debbie is now in her new home, secure and free from a life of abuse.

Matt went above and beyond to provide the highest level of service for a woman with special needs. His compassion, caring, and commitment to inclusiveness demonstrates our philosophy of service at the Coalition.
CREATING SOLUTIONS

1984 - The Coalition announces its new home, the Stout Street Clinic, which opens for medical care to homeless women and families in its first year, raising $245,000 in its first year, raising $245,000 in homelessness support services.

1986 - The Coalition opens with 84 one-bedroom apartments, each of which serves a family, in the new family program, one of nine national demonstration programs funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and first of its kind in the country.

1990 - The Coalition plays a major role in the national establishment of the 16th Street Housing Corridor as Denver’s Road Home, the 10-year plan to end homelessness known in the city of Denver.

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2007 - The Coalition announces the Bridges Program for homeless individuals with severe mental health and supportive services; the first program proven as a national model.

2008 - The Coalition announces the Bridges Program for homeless individuals with severe mental health and supportive services; the first program proven as a national model.

2009 - The Coalition leads the campaign that saves the Aid to the Needy Disabled (HAND) program and the Denver Homeless Initiative is initiated by the City of Denver.
For twenty-five years the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has cultivated a strong voice for national, state and local public policies to end homelessness. The need for our advocacy has never been more critical. American families are struggling in more ways and at greater rates than at any time in our recent history.

The Coalition’s leadership extends from our early days in 1987, working on the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, to the 2009 election of John Parvensky as Board President of the National Coalition for the Homeless. We also worked closely with the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to shape a new federal response called the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, passed by Congress in 2009.

What began as a grassroots advocacy effort has grown into a comprehensive, statewide solution to homelessness, and a model for the nation.
The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is governed by community leaders with proven strengths in fiscal management, real estate development, health care, business, legal, resource development, community development, and advocacy. The Board includes consumers of the Coalition’s services who represent the diversity of those we serve. (Not all board members pictured.)

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Home for the Holidays

The community came out in support of the Coalition’s first annual Home for the Holidays 5K and 1K Family Fun Run.

Volunteers

Corporations, groups and individuals make up our terrific team of volunteers. Seven hundred volunteers provided medical services, painted rooms, planted trees, formed fundraising committees, and worked events.

Visit the Annual Report page at www.coloradocoalition.org to learn about one child’s campaign to help the Coalition.

25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
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Henderson, Mariel M.
McFarland, Charles A.
Mak, John M.
Makita, Noriyuki
Makino, Tetsu
Makino, Yasuyuki
Makino, Yukio
Mallal, Helen E.
Mallalie, Michael A.
Mallin, Ronald A.
Mallinckrodt, Herbert A.
Mallory, John M.
Malamud, Richelle J.
Malcolm, Edward M.
Malinowski, Joseph C.
Mallet, John C.
Malkinson, Steven M.
Malik, S. M. W.
Malinin, Roman
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Maloney, Michael T.
Mamrak, Chadwick
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Mandle, Benjamin D.
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Mandel, Robert A.
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Renaissance Housing Development Corp.
Renaissance Property Management Corp.
Year ended December 2009

Revenues
Contributions $ 6,362,929
Grants 21,125,306
Programs 3,741,762
Development Fees 874,830
Other 3,479,487
Interest 767,390
Total revenues $ 36,351,704

Expenses
Program Services:
Health Care 18,549,595
Housing 12,094,470
Property Management 1,645,631
Statewide Education and Advocacy 381,619
Total Programs $ 32,671,315

Supporting Services
Management 2,528,740
Fundraising 637,364
Total Support 3,166,104
Total Expenses $ 35,837,419

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets 514,285

Net Assets December 2008 $ 13,383,197
Net Assets December 2009 $ 13,897,482

91% of every dollar goes to programs
Support the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and help provide valuable medical, educational and housing services in urban and rural communities across Colorado. The Coalition dedicates 91% of every dollar raised to client programs and services. Please visit us at www.coloradocoalition.org to learn more.